

What is claimed is:

1. A conveyor for transporting materials, the conveyor comprising:  
an elongated boom having a first end, a second end, a top surface, and a bottom surface;  
a conveyor mechanism operably attached to the elongated boom; and,  
a platform operably attached to the boom, wherein the platform is selectively pivotable from the boom.
2. The conveyor as recited in claim 1, wherein,  
the conveyor is adapted to convey materials from the first end of the boom to the second end of the boom,  
and the platform is at least partially extendible beyond the second end of the boom.
3. The conveyor as recited in claim 1, wherein the platform is attached to a platform support, the platform support being selectively translatable between the first end of the boom and the second end of the boom.
4. The conveyor as recited in claim 3, wherein a means for translating the platform support comprises a hydraulic actuator.
5. The conveyor as recited in claim 3, wherein a means for translating the platform support comprises at least one hydraulic winch.
6. The conveyor as recited in claim 3, wherein a means for translating said platform support comprises a hydraulic cylinder.
7. The conveyor as recited in claim 1, wherein a means for pivoting the platform comprises a hydraulic actuator.

8. The conveyor as recited in claim 7, wherein the hydraulic actuator comprises a hydraulic cylinder.
9. The conveyor as recited in claim 1, wherein the conveyor is attached to a vehicle.
10. The conveyor as recited in claim 1, wherein the platform is adjacent to the bottom surface of the boom.
11. A conveyor for transporting materials, the conveyor comprising:  
an elongated boom having a first end, a second end, a top surface, and a bottom surface;  
a conveyor mechanism operably attached to the elongated boom; and,  
a platform operably attached to the boom; wherein,  
the conveyor is adapted to convey materials from the first end of the boom to the second end of the boom, and  
the platform is at least partially extendible beyond the second end of the boom.
12. The conveyor as recited in claim 11, wherein the platform is attached to a platform support, the platform support being selectively translatable between the first end of the boom and the second end of the boom.
13. The conveyor as recited in claim 12, wherein a means for translating the platform support comprises a hydraulic actuator.
14. The conveyor as recited in claim 12, wherein the hydraulic actuator comprises a hydraulic winch.
15. The conveyor as recited in claim 11, wherein the platform is attached to a platform support, and wherein the platform is slidably nestible within the platform support.

16. The conveyor as recited in claim 15, wherein the platform support further comprises at least one roller contacting the platform.
17. The conveyor as recited in claim 11, wherein the platform is attached to a platform support, the platform support being selectively pivotable from the boom.
18. The conveyor as recited in claim 11, wherein the conveyor is attached to a vehicle.
19. The conveyor as recited in claim 11, wherein the platform is adjacent to the bottom surface of the boom.
20. A conveyor for transporting materials, the conveyor having at least one elongated boom member and an endless conveyor mechanism operably attached the at least one boom member, the conveyor comprising:
  - a platform at least partially extendible beyond an end of the at least one boom member and selectively pivotable from the at least one boom member.
21. The conveyor as recited in claim 20, wherein the conveyor is attached to a vehicle.
22. The conveyor as recited in claim 20, wherein the platform is pivotally attached to a platform support, the platform support being translatable between a first end of the boom member and a second end of the boom member.